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Public (Resettlement) (1946) Department

Ms SERIES.

G.O. No. 2095

Dated 3/10/1946

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[Despatch Abstract]

P W.R. – (Coimbatore) – Kollegal taluk – Doddamandevarayasamudram village – Sericultural colony for ex-servicemen – Addl. expenditure on construction of approach road, payment of fees to water diviners and employment of maistries – Sanctioned.

Revenue Department.
Subject.

Military - Post War Reconstruction (Coimbatore) Kollegal Taluk - Doddamarideva roya samudram village - Establishment of sericultural colony - Further report to Government - Submitted.

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Ref:Y.2568/45.

Station: Madras. Dated 3-6-46.

From

K.N. Anantharaman Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras.
E. Bennett Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner of Land Revenue and Post War Reconstruction.

Read:- 1. G.O.Ms.672, Public (Resettelement) dated 19-3-46.
2. From the Registrar of Co-operative Societies No.17939-45 dated 12-4-46:-
3. From the Collector of Coimbatore, Rc.3121/45 dated 17-5-46:-
4. Director of Industries and Commerce, No.4541.Engg.15-5-46.
5. Collector's Ref.3121/45 dated 27-5-46

Reference:-

Submitted to the Government.

In G.O.No.Ms.672 Public (Resettlement) dated 19-3-46 sanction was accorded for the employment of a Junior Co-operative Inspector for supervision work and for work connected with the organisation of the Co-operative Society. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies reported that a Junior Inspector might not be able to do much by way of supervising the sinking of wells, construction of temporary sheds etc. The Collector was therefore requested to state if the supervision work could be attended to by the regular Minor Irrigation staff. He now reports that a Special Minor Irrigation Overseer may be appointed as no hands are available in the district and that if this is not possible, sanction of the Government may be obtained for the employment of two maistries for a period of 3 months, one at Doddamarideva roya-samudram and another at Dalavoipatnam to assist the concerned Taluk Minor Irrigation Overseers. The Board approves of the Collector's proposal to employ two maistries in lieu of the Co-operative Junior Inspector, and recommends that the Government may be pleased to sanction two maistries for a period of 3 months from the date of employment.

2. In G.O.No.672 dated 19-3-1946 sanction for Rs.2250/- was accorded for the formation of an approach road. The Collector in his letter dated 27-5-46 brings to notice that no contractor is willing to undertake the work for this amount and recommend an increase of 25% which is allowed for hilly tracts like Kollegal Taluk. The Board recommends that the Government may be pleased to sanction the increase of 25% in the estimate and also to approve of the action of the Collector in having discharged the Revenue Divisional Officer to let the work on contract at this increased rate in anticipation of Government sanction.

3. The Collector reports that the cost of the ten trial borings will be Rs.12,000/- and not Rs.2000/- vide also the Director of Industries and Commerce's report dated 15-5-46. He however, proposes that for the reasons stated by him the trial borings need not be sunk and that irrigation wells may be sunk straightaway. The Board accepts his proposals and recommends that the Government may be pleased to approve of them. The Board has called on the Collector to submit detailed estimates for irrigation wells. They will be submitted to Government for sanction soon after receipt.

If this is not possible, I request sanction may be accorded for the entertainment of two maistries one at D.M. Samudram and another at Dalavaipatnam to assist the concered Minor Irrigation Overseers in the supervision of the above works.

I request the favour of very early orders.

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Copy of the letter from the Director of Industries and Commerce, No.B.6.4541/Eng.45 dated 16-5-46.

Sub:- Post War Reconstruction - Coimbatore District - Kollegal taluk - Doddamaridevarasamudram village - Sericultural Colony for ex-service men - Trial borings.

Ref:- G.O.No.Ms.672-Public (Resettlement) Department, dated 19th March 1946 and Government Memorandum No.41922/44-1 dated 27-4-1946.

I enclose herewith a copy of this office letter No.B.6. 4541-Eng/45 dated 1-10-45 addressed to Revenue Divisional Officer, Kollegal. The Revenue Divisional Officer was asked in that letter to address the Board and obtain the sanction for the expenditure of Rs.12,000/- (Rupees twelve thousand only) for putting down 10 borings. He was also informed in the same letter that the estimate cost of each trial boring would be Rs.1,200/- (Rupees one thousand and two hundred only). But in the G.O.No.672, Public (Resettlement) Department dated 19-3-46 as amended by the Government Memorandum cited above sanction was accorded for the expenditure of Rs.2,000/- (Rupees Two thousand only) for conducting 10 trial borings. As the amount will be insufficient to meet the expenditure of all the ten trial borings proposed, I request that the Government may kindly be addressed for the sanction of the full amount (Viz.) Rs.12,000/- (Rupees twelve thousand only.)

The work is, however, being taken up in anticipation of sanction of further allotment.

Copy of letter No.B.6.4541.Eng.45 dated 1-10-45 from the Industrial Engineer to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kollegal.

Sub:- Military - Post War Reconstruction - Kollegal Taluk - D.M. Samudram village - Colonisation scheme - Trial borings.

Ref:- Your letter No.1310/45-B. dated 27-8-45 addressed to the Collector of Coimbatore and your letter dated 25-9-45.

It is reported that the Asst. Industrial Engineer, Coimbatore, has furnished you an estimate amounting to Rs.12,000/- for putting down ten trial borings. It is not clear from your letters whether the object of putting down trial borings is to provide drinking water supplies or to excavate wells at the xx sites of the successful borings to provide water for irrigation as in the cases of other colonisation Schemes. The work of putting down the borings can be undertaken only on receipt of sanction for incurring expenditure on the borings. I therefore suggest that sanction may be obtained for incurring expenditure at the rate of Rs.12,000/- for each boring by addressing the Board of Revenue. I shall make arrangements for putting down the borings on receipt of sanction for incurring the expenditure. It would take about 2 to 3 months for a boring set to complete each boring. Three or four sets may

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be employed and the work expedited as far as practicable.

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Copy of the letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, No.3121/45 (Resettlement) dated 27-5-46:-

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Sub:- Post War Reconstruction - Resettlement of Ex-service men - Sericultural Colony at D.N. Samudram village in Kollegal taluk - Approach road and houses - Revision of estimates etc., Sanction - Requested.

Ref:- Board's No.Y.2568/45-7, dated 17--4--1946 and No. Board's L.Dis.Pdl.17/46 dated 17-5-46.

I invite attention to G.O.No.Ms.672 dated 19-3-1946, in which sanction was accorded for the formation of an approach road, to the above colony at a cost of Rs.2,250/- (Rupees two thousand, two hundred and fifty only) and also for the construction of eighty houses at a cost of Rs.775/- (Rupees seven hundred and seventy five only) each for the use of the colonists. Both these works could not be let on contract, as the few contractors who are available at Kollegal, represent that the rates provided in the sanctioned estimates are low. In the case of the approach road, the estimate has been worked out at a rate of Rs.13-4-0/- per thousand cft., of earth work., in ordinary hard soil, which is the Public Works Department rate., for 1946-47. The 25% increase allowed over this rate for works in hilly tracts like Kollegal taluk has, however, not been included in the estimate. Two of the contractors namely, Ardhanari gounden and Abdul Razaack from the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kollegal consulted, are prepared to take up the road work provided an increase of 25% over the sanctioned estimate of Rs.2,250/- is allowed. As the offer of these contractors amounts to the current Public Works Department rate applicable to Kollegal taluk, it has to be accepted. In anticipation of sanction, I am directing the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kollegal to let the works to one of these two contractors at 25% above the amount sanctioned in G.O.No.Ms.672 dated 19-3-1946. I request that my action may be approved.

2. In respect of the estimates for houses, also, the Minor Irrigation Overseer, Coimbatore who prepared the estimates, omitted to include the 25% increase allowed for works in Kollegal taluk. But no contractor at Kollegal, however, has come forward to take up the work on an increase of 25% of the sanctioned cost being allowed. The quotation of the only contractor who is well experienced in the construction of houses, (Parthasarathi Mudaliar) is Rs.1,500/- (Rupees one thousand and five hundred only) per house. But the details for this rate which he has furnished show that they cannot be justified on any ground, and the offer of this contractor is consequently excessive. I am therefore, instructing the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kollegal to get the houses constructed at a cost of 25% above the sanctioned amount of Rs.775 per house, if any contractor is willing to do so. I shall also consider the feasibility of getting the work done departmentally within this amount. If both these courses are not possible, I suggest that the temporary sheds sanctioned in G.O.No.Ms.672 dated 19-3-1946 be put up for the present for the immediate use of the colonists and they be allowed a subsidy of Rs.7,75/- plus 25% increase for the construction of each house. When the Co-operative society is formed of the colonists, it may find it possible to get the houses constructed for its members with the subsidy allowed by Government. There is, therefore at the moment no need to revise the estimates of the houses to suit the demand of the local contractors. I shall submit a further report on getting a reply from the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kollegal.

3. In Government order No.Ms.672 dated 19-3-1946, as revised in Government Memorandum No.41922/44-18 dated 27-4-46, sanction has been accorded for putting down ten trial borings to test the availability

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of water for irrigation purposes, at the cost of Rs.2,000/-. In his letter No.B.6.4541/Eng.45 dated 15-5-1946, to the Assistant Secretary, Post War Reconstruction, Madras, the Director of Industries and Commerce, Madras has pointed out that the cost of the ten trial borings will be twelve thousand rupees at the rate of Rs.1,200/- per each boring. It has also been pointed out by the Industrial Engineer, Madras that it would take two to three months for a boring set to complete each boring. In view of the large amount and long period, involved in putting down the trial borings, I suggest that the idea of the trial borings may be given up and the irrigation wells may be straight-away sunk. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Kollegal reports that there is a copious supply of water available in two of the existing wells in the close neighbourhood of the above colony. I therefore think that basing on this evidence, the irrigation wells required for this colony may be ordered to be constructed. I therefore, request that Government's sanction may be obtained for sinking the required number of irrigation wells in the colony. A copy of para 5 of the report of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kollegal division, No.1310/45-B dated 28-4-1946 bearing on this subject, is enclosed.

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Copy of para 5 of letter No.1310/45-B., dated 28-4-46 from the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kollegal addressed to the Collector, Coimbatore.

If irrigation wells have to be undertaken without waiting for the result of the trial boring, it can be done only all along the Thattahalla in the Colony area. No doubt, the water table will be high and water can be tapped within about 20 feet on the eastern portion of the colony area near the Thattahalla and all along the northern ban of the Tattahalla in the colony area. But then the space that may be made available for irrigation by these wells will be just about 5 or 6 acres along for each well. I have enquired on the nature of springs, quality of water etc. of the irrigatin wells in the neighbourhood. The well belonging to Putte Gowda near Thattahalla about 1½ miles from the colony and from 2 to 3 chains from Thattahalla retains water at 20 feet from the ground level. This is however of a lower level than the colony area and it is not of rocky soil. There is another well in Baburaoddi towards the east from the colony and one furlong from the colonisation border. Water is tapped in that well within 20 feet from ground level. This is also not of rocky soil. The ground is of a lower level than the colony lands. Another well belonging to one Venkitaraman near the Ellemalam village about one mile from the colony lands yields water at a depth of 30 feet from the ground level. Rajagopalaier's well which is adjacent to Thattahalla also yields water at 20feet from the ground level. The water is good and springs are copious in these wells. It will be therefore clear that irrigation wells can now be sunk with certainty only all along the Thattahalla in the colony area which is of a lower level. Water can be tapped in these wells within about 25 to 30 feet with copious springs. However, it is always safe to engage a water diviner and ascertain the availability of water in the area when especially large number of wells are to be sunk.

/ True Copy /

For Secretary.

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Very urgent

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Memo no 4650/46-2. dt 3-7-46

P.W.R - (...inatore) - Kollegal taluk

D.N. Samudram - Estimates

for consn of wells etc - Ref:- From

pp 1-2 CF the Bd of Rev no Y. 2588/45 dt 3-6-46

The attention of the Board of

Revenue is invited to para 3 of the

pp 4-5 CF Collector of Coimbatore's ~~address~~ letter no Ref 3121/46

(Resettlement) dt 27-5-46 wherein

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~~in consultation with the local Revenue Divisional~~

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is requested to instruct the

Consult the Director of Industries & Commerce on the above suggestion very urgently and do to

D.I & C to defer action on boring operations in the area (in the meantime) ~~and consult him on the probation Collector's suggestion referred to~~ above and submit a report to Govt

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To
The Bd of Rev (PWR)
copy to the D.I & C

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Government of Madras
Public (Resettlement) Department
Memorandum No.4692/46-4, dated the 5th August 1946.

Post War Reconstruction - Land Colonisation schemes for ex-servicemen - Reduction of expenditure - Re-examination of schemes ordered.

It has been pointed out that the expenditure on certain land colonisation schemes -especially on items such as wells and houses is excessive and that unless all the schemes are re-examined with a view to reduce expenditure to the lowest possible limits consistent with the minimum requirements of ex-servicemen, it would not be possible to settle any appreciable number of ex-servicemen on land without serious dislocation of the Provincial finances. The Government have accordingly decided that the cost of settling ex-servicemen on land, including housing and provision of irrigation facilities, cattle and agricultural implements should not exceed Rs.1,900 per head and that this amount should be met as follows:--

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(i) Central Government grant Rs.500/-

(ii) Share capital to be collected from each settler Rs.500/- Where the men are not able to pay the share money, loan may be sanctioned and recovered over a period of years with suitable interest.

(iii) Provincial Government grant or advance for reclamation and sinking wells or provision of irrigation facilities, wherever necessary - Rs.500/-

(iv) Housing grant from the Central Government Rs.200/-

and (v) the balance from the Post War Services Reconstruction Fund provided the Committee for the administration of the Fund agree to the proposal. It is proposed to apply for a grant to the Committee when it is constituted.

2. The Provincial Government's contribution or advance for resettlement would be limited to the cost of the land and the cost of its reclamation, the latter being subject to a maximum of Rs.200/- per head and to the provision of irrigation facilities either by sinking wells or by constructing canals or drains at a cost not exceeding Rs.300/- or whatever amount is allowed for the general public per head. It is proposed to claim fifty per cent of the cost of providing irrigation facilities from the Central Government under the Grow More Food Campaign. The net cost to the Province for resettling ex-servicemen on land if this is agreed to by the Central Government will not then exceed Rs.350/- per head.

3. The Government of India will also be asked to contribute Rs.200/- per head for housing. In case they are unable to contribute Rs.350/- under the above heads (Rs.150/- for providing irrigation facilities and Rs.200/- per head for housing) the amount will be found by a loan from the Provincial Government which will be advanced with interest at one-fourth per cent above the Government borrowing rate. The loan will be recoverable in twenty equal annual instalments, the first instalment falling due within a year after the land is brought under cultivation. Until the Government of India agree to make the necessary contribution, the amount of Rs.350/- for the provision of housing and irrigation facilities will be treated as a loan from the Provincial Government.

4. The Board of Revenue is requested to re-examine all land colonisation schemes (including the schemes already approved) for ex-servicemen very urgently in the light of the above orders and submit proposals for fresh sanction. In re-examining the schemes it should be noted that the average cost should not exceed Rs.1,900/- per head and that the contribution by the Provincial Government

should not exceed the limit of Rs.500/- laid down above. Subjec to these conditions, variations of the limits fixed for individual items of expenditure may be allowed according to the nature of each colony. The expenditure on items such as anti-malarial measures, survey staff, trial borings etc. should be taken into account in arriving at the limit of Rs.1,900/- per head.

5. The Board is also requested to furnish a detailed report as to whether each of the irrigation schemes for the colonies will be eligible for a Grow More Food subsidy on the assumption that the Government of India will make contributions to land colonies on a Grow More Food basis. In order to enable this Government to raise a claim against Government of India in this respect, the Board is requested to furnish the necessary particulars with reference to the rate of land revenue, water cess grain yield expected etc.

6. The Government observe from the Progress reports of the Board of Revenue on resettlement plans that in some cases, reclamation, construction of houses and sinking of wells have begun and are well advanced. The Board is informed that in all cases where

(1) construction of houses or the digging of wells have already started and

(2) reclamation of land has already started and made appreciable progress,

the work may be completed according to the original plans and estimates so as to avoid any loss to Government. Where materials for house-building have been collected already (as in the Veyyur-Gudapakkam colony in Chingleput District) they may be utilized according to the original estimates if they cannot be used to build houses at lesser cost. The excess cost which may thus result over and above the limits laid down in paragraphs 1 to 4 above should be reported to Government when the Board submits revised porposals on the re-examination of all land colonisation schemes.

K. Ramunni Menon,
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue (Post War Reconstruction).
" all Collectors except those of Madras and Vizagapatam.
Copy to the Director of Resettlement and Employment.
Copy to the Services Resettlement Liaison Officer.
Copy to the Secretary, Madras Provincial Sailors' Soldiers' and Airmen's Board.

Forwarded/By Order

Superintendent

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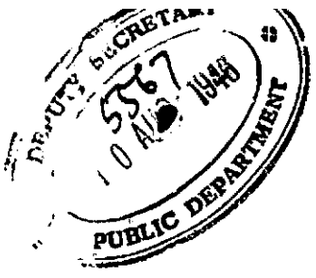

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Subject

MILITARY - Post War Reconstruction - (Coimbatore) - Kollegal Taluk - D.M. Samudram village - Report to Government - Submitted

Ref.No.Y.2568/45.

Station:-Madras. Dated 5th August 1946.

From

G. Venkateswara Ayyar Esq., C.B.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras.

E. Bennett Esq., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue & Postwar Reconstruction

Read:- G.O.Ms.672, Public (Resettlement) dated 19-3-46.
From the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Ref.17273/45, dated 3-6-1946.
From the Collector of Coimbatore, Rc.3131/45 dated 7-6-46.
Government Memo.No.4650/46-2, dated 3-7-46 from the Public (Resettlement) Department.
From the Collector of Coimbatore, Rc.3121/45 (Restt) dated 12th July 1946.
Board's Ref.Y.2568/45-10, dated 9-7-46.
From the Director of Industries & Commerce, No.[illegible], dated 24-7-46.
From the Collector of Coimbatore, Ref.3121/45 dated 23rd July 1946.

REFERENCE:

Submitted to the Government.

2. The Board recommends to the Government to sanction an enhanced expenditure of 10% of the estimate of Rs.3250/- for the formation of the approach road ordered in G.O.No.Ms.672, Public (Resettlement) dated 19-3-1946. The action of the Collector in having let the road work on contract may also be approved.

3. The Board requests that the Government may be pleased to sanction a sum of Rs.50/- for payment to Sri Selvamuthu Chettiar, a ~~diviner~~ water diviner for selecting a new site for sinking a drinking water well for the above colony.

for Secretary.

To

The Deputy Secretary to Government, Public (Resettlement) Department - (paras 1 to 3).
The Collector of Coimbatore (full).
The Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Madras (paras

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Copy of para 3 of letter No.Rc.3121/45 (Resett) dated 7-6-46 from the Collector of Coimbatore to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras.

Sub:- POST WAR RECONSTRUCTION - Ex-servicemen Resettlement - Sericultural Colony at D.M. Samudram in Kollegal Taluk - House construction - Revised Estimate - Submitted.
Ref:- Board's Y.2568/45-7, dated 17-4-46 and this office R.C.3121/45 (Resett) dated 27-5-46.

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3. The approach road has been let on contract for 10% above the sanctioned estimate of Rs.2350/- The work is likely to be completed in a month's time. I request that this enhanced expenditure for the road may be sanctioned.

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for Collector.

Copy of letter No.Rc.3121/45 (Resett) dated 18-7-46 from the Collector of Coimbatore to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras.

Sub:- Post War Reconstruction - Ex-servicemen - Resettlement - D.M. Samudram Land Colonisation - Sinking wells.

Although the drinking water well in progress at the D.M. Samudram Colony in Kollegal Taluk has been sunk to a depth of 58 feet, water has not been tapped. The Assistant Executive Engineer, Coimbatore and Mr.Selvamuthu Chettiar B.A.,T.T. retired Head Master of Satyamangalam Board High School, both of whom are reputed to be water diviners, are of opinion after inspecting the site that it totally lacks water springs and that it would be advisible to select a new site. The present well is not the one fixed with reference to the lay out sketch prepared by the Director of Town Planning. The total value of work so far done is Rs.1736/- against the sanctioned estimate of Rs.1750/-. In view of the definite opinion given by the above two water diviners, further deepening of the well has been stopped.

For selecting a new site a water diviner may be employed. Mr. Selvamuthu Chettiar has offered to do so and demands a fee of Rs.50/- per well site. I am requesting him to select a suitable site for sinking the drinking water well, as close to the proposed residential quarters as possible. His fee will be included in the estimate. I request that my action may be approved.

(Sd) x x
for Collector.

Copy of Board's Ref.No.Y.2568/45-10, dated 9-7-46.

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Sub:- Post War Reconstruction - (Coimbatore) - Kollegal Taluk - D.M. Samudram village - Construction of Irrigation well
Ref:- Government Memo.No.4650/46-2, dated 5-7-46.

The attention of the Director of Industries and Commerce is invited to the Board's reference cited in the Government Memo. read above and he is requested to state whether [illegible]

Public (R.S.) Deptt.

G.O.No.Ms. 2095 dated 3-10-46

P.W.R. - (Coimbatore) - Kollegal taluk - Doddamarideverayasamudram village - Sericultural colony for ex-service men - Addl. expenditure on construction of approach roads, payment of fees to water diviner and employment of maistries - Sanctioned.

Read:
G.O.No.672 Public (R.S) dated 19-3-46.
From the Board of Rev., Ref.Y 2568/45, d/3-6-46.
Ref.No.Y 2568/45,d/5-8-46.

Order.

H.E. the Governor of Madras sanctions an additional expenditure of 10% of the original estimate of Rs.2250/-, sanctioned in the G.O. read above for the formation of an approach road for the ex-servicemen's sericultural colony in Doddamarideverayasamudram village in Kollegal taluk, Coimbatore Dt. subject to the condition that the per capita cost of the scheme is kept within the limit of Rs.1900/- fixed in Govt. Memo. no. 4692/46-4 P(R.S.) dt. 5.8.46. The action of the Collr. of Coimbatore in having let the road work on contract at the enhanced rate in anticipation of sanction of Government, is approved.

2. Sanction is accorded as a special case for the payment of Rs.50/- (Rupees fifty only) to Sri Selvamuthu Chettiar, a water diviner for selecting a new site for sinking a drinking water well for the above colony. The attention of the Board in their connection invited to para 1 of its repn. no. Y.61-44 dt. 22.12.44

3. Sanction is also accorded for the employment of two maistries on the scale of pay of Rs.25-½-40, one at DM. Samudram and another at Dalavaipathiram, in lieu of the Co-operative Junior Inspector sanctioned in the G.O. read above, for a period of three months from the date of employment to assist the concerned Tdk. Minor Irrign. Officers in the supervision of works relating to the sinking of wells, construction of temporary sheds etc. in the above colony.

4. The above expenditure will be debited as follows:-

Addl. expre. on formation of approach road	"50.b.Civil Works - Original works - Communications - Post War Reconstruction"

Payment to water diviner	"25 J. Genl.Admn. - T.Post War Reconstruction - (ii) Estimates of the Bd. of Rev."
Employment of maistries	"18.Irrigation - Other Revenue expenditure financed from ordinary revenues - Minor Irrigation - Revenue Deptt.- Post War Reconstruction."

The A.G. is requested to admit the expenditure in audit pending provision of funds in due course.

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To
The Bd. of Rev. (P.W.R.)
,, Collr.of Coimbatore
,, A.G. thro' Finance
,, Fin/Rev/P.W.D/Dev. Deptts.
,, R.C.S.
,, C.E.(Irrign.)
,, D.R.E.
,, S.R.L.C.
,, C.C.L.C. (6 copies)

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Revenue Dept.

P.W.R. - Ex servicemen's Resettlement land colonisation-(Coimbatore) Kollegal taluk- D.M. Samudram colony.

Ref. No.Y. 2568-45-12.

Madras. 24th Septr.1946.

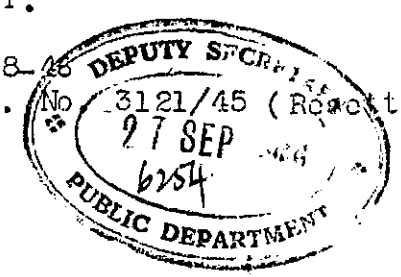
From

G..Venkateswara Ayyar Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary, Board of Revenue.

E.M. Gawne Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., Commr. of L.R., P.W.R. and C.T.

Lp 7-10 note 17 infra

Read:- Govt. Memo. No. 4692/46-4 d/ 5-8-46
Coimbatore Collector's letter Rc. No. 13121/45 (Resett.) d/ 16th Aug.1946



Reference:-

1. Submitted to the Government.

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2. In the circumstances reported by the Collector of Coimbatore in para 2 of his reference dated 16th Aug.1946 read above, the Board requests that the Government may be pleased to sanction a sum of Rs.66-8-0 as cost for demarcating the streets and house sites in the residential area of the colony. The head of account to which the amount should be debited may also be communicated. The Board presumes that the cost is debitable to "7 L.R. (a) Survey Settlement and record operations (B) Ranges and mobile staff- 6 P.W.R. Survey of land in connection with land colonisation schemes for ex servicemen.

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Letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, R.C.3121/45 (Resett.) d/ 16th Aug.1946.

P.W.R.- Ex- servicemens resettlement land colonies- Kollegal taluk- D.". Samudram colony.

2. I invite Board's attention to para 4 of my letter No.3121/45 (Resettlement) d/ 27-5-46 inwhich I had applied for sanction to demarcate the streets and house sites on the residential area according to the lay out sketch prepared by the Director of Town Planning, Madras. The Taluk surveyor under the orders of the Rev. Divl. Officer, Kollegal has planted 85 stones for the roads on the avove area and has submitted a bill for Rs. 66-8-0 for the Tahsildar, Kollegal for sanction. The following are the details of the bill:-

Cost of 85 stones at Re.0-8-0 per stone	42-8-0
Wages to 8 coolies for 3 days at Re.1 per cooly per day	24-0-0
	66-8-0

The Tahsildar has applied for sanction of this amount. I reques that necessary sanction may be accorded for paying this amoent and the head of account to which the amount should be be debited may also be indicated.

True copy

for Secretary.

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Public (RS) Dept

The main file relating to the D M Samudram land colonisation scheme has been sent to Finance on 16.9.46. Its return may be awaited

28.9.46.

29-9-46

Public (RS) Deptt.

Memo. No. 4650/46-7. dated 21-10-46

P.W.R. – (Coimbatore) – Kollegal taluk – D.M. Samudram village – Sericultural colony for ex-service men – Demarcation of streets and house sites – Expenditure – Sanctioned.

Ref: From the Bd. of Rev., Ref. No. Y. 2568-55-12 Y. 24-9-46.

The Government sanction an expenditure of Rs. 66-8-0 (Rupees sixty six and annas eight) towards the cost of demarcating the streets and house sites in the sericultural colony for ex-service men in the D.M. Samudram village, Kollegal taluk, Coimbatore Dt.

2. The expenditure will be debited to the head 'Land Revenue – Survey, Settlement and record operations – Ranges

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and mobile staff - G.P.W.R. Survey of land in connection with land colonisation schemes for ex-service men"

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To

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.. Fin/Rev. Depts.
.. S.R.L.O.
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Pub (R.S.) Dept 25

Memo No: 4650/46-8 dy 2.12.46

P.W.R. (Coimbatore) - Kollegal taluk - D.M. Sairundram village - Land colonisation Scheme for ex Servicemen

(F) Ref:- Letter from the DRE. Lr No C. 103/46 C2 dy 31-10-46

In the note submitted to Govt with this letter, reference was observed to above it has been stated that only 5 ex servicemen have been selected for admission into the above colony. The attention of the D.R.E is invited to para 3 of the Kollegal R.D.O's letter enclosed with the Board's reference cited (PWR) No Y. 11/43-20 dy 29-5-46 and he is requested to state the reasonable explanation for the very small number of colonists now selected in the D.R.E Madras

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In view of the R.D.O's report that he had received 1004 applications from the families of ex-servicemen for joining the Colony. An early reply is requested.

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To

Mr. D.R.K. Madan

R.D. 20.12.46

No. Roc. Y.C. 2568/45-16 C2.

Office of the Director of
Resettlement and Employment,
1/5 Nungambakkam High Road,
Cathedral Post, Madras.
Dated 17-12-1946.

DEPUTY SECRETARY 7541 10 DEC 1946 PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

From
V.Ramakrishna Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Director.

To
The Deputy Secretary to Government,
Public (Resettlement) Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

Sub:- Post War Reconstruction - (Coimbatore) Koliigal Taluk D.M. Samudram - Land Colonisation Scheme.

pp 21-22 ante

Ref:- Government Memorandum No. 4650/46-8 Public (Resettlement) dated 2-12-46.

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With reference to the Government memorandum cited above, I submit that twenty five ex-servicemen have now been selected, that fourteen of them are ready to join the colony at once, and that the colony will be registered and started shortly. Further progress inselection could not be made as the colony is not ready for starting. When wells and houses are constructed, the full strength fixed for the colony is quite likely to be reached.

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for Director. 19.12.46

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Pub (R.S) Dept

Subd for perusal. [With ref. to portion marked M in the Memo on pp 21-22 ante please see the reasons given at N above]

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No.Roc Y.C.3568/45-18 C2

Office of the Director of Resettlement and Employment,
1/5 Nungambakkam High Road,
Madras, Dated 6.3.47

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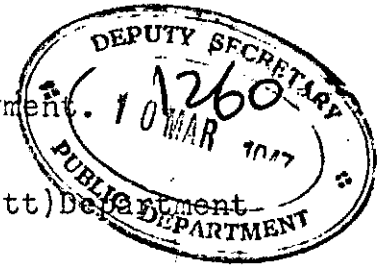

From

V.Ramakrishna Esq.,C.I.E.,I.C.S.,
Director of Resettlement and Employment.

To

Deputy Secretary to Govt.,Public(Resett)Department
Fort St.George, MADRAS

Sir,

Sub:- Post War Reconstruction (Coimbatore) Kollegal Taluk D.M. Samudram - construction of cause ways - Report submitted

Ref:- G.O. Ms. 672 Public (Resett.) dated 19.3.46
G.O. Ms.2095 Public (Resett.) dated 3-10-46
Collector's Ref.3121/45(Resett.) dated 23.12.45 & 8.2.47 (not enclosed)

pp 16(a)-16(b) ante

The approach road sanctioned in the G.O's cited above is complete. The road is crossed by two jungle streams. The Collector reports that unless proper cause ways are constructed the road will be utterly damaged by the large quantity of water flowing in the Jungle streams. He has submitted an estimate for Rs.400/- for the construction of cause ways to the road where it is crossed by the streams. I enclose the estimate and request that the Government may be pleased to sanction it.

For Director.

8.3.47

Enclosure 1 Estimate in Original.

Copy to:- The Collector of Coimbatore

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pp 2 b (1)-2 b (d) infra

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Memo No. 4650/46-10 dt. 19-3-47

P.W.R. - (Coimbatore) - Kollegal Taluk D.M. Samudram - Land colln scheme for re-servicemen - consin of causeways to approach road - Expre - Ref:- Letter from the DRE No. Roc. Y-C. 2568/45-18 C2 dt 6-3-47.

In the circumstances stated by the DRE in his letter referred to above, the Govt. sanction an expre of Rs 4001- [Rupees four hundred only] for the construction of causeways to the approach road to the colony where it is crossed by jungle streams subject to the condition that the cost per head of the scheme is kept within the limit of Rs 1900/- fixed in Govt Memo No. 4692/46-4 Pub (RS) dt 5-8-46.

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2. The expre will be debited to "50. b. Civil Works - original Works - Communications - P.W.R - 3. Provision for roads in other land colonisation areas"

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TO
THE DRE [with pp 26(a) - 26(b) CF ward]
Coltr of Coimbatore
A.G. Madras
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P·W·R - (Coimbatore) - Kollegal Tk - D.M. Samudram Village - Sericultural Colony for ex-servicemen - Estimates for the construction of wells, approach road etc - Revision.

CNO 4650/46 cf. - From the Board of Revenue Ref·y 2568/45 dated 3·6·46.

Please see the proposals of the Board of Revenue in the c.f.

In Govt Lr No 672 Pub (R·S) dated 19·3·46, the Govt have sanctioned detailed estimates, in certain items of work specified in the order. The Board of Revenue has proposed modifications. They are dealt with below.

Estimate for the approach road, para 2, P1 c.f.

The original sanction for this road is Rs 2,250. The Board proposes to increase this estimate by 25%. In para 1 of his letter dated 27·5·46 at P4 c.f, the Collector has given reasons for the increase and has stated that M on P4 c.f. The offer of the Contractors amounts to the current P·W·D rate applicable to Kollegal Tk. In the circumstances, The Board's proposal at A on P1 c.f. may be accepted in this Dept.

Estimate for trial borings, para 3, P1 c.f.

Please see para 3 of the Coll·r's letter and the extract of the letter from R.D.O. Kollegal at P4-5 c.f. may be read pending the receipt of the detailed estimates for irrigation wells, may be awarded. it seems necessary to order that no expenditure should be incurred on the sinking of trial borings from the amount of Rs 2000 sanctioned in the order at (C).

Staff, employment of 2 maistries, para 1, P1 c.f.

In the circumstances stated this Dept may agree to the employment of the two maistries in lieu of the junior Co-operative Inspector

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submitted that Development, P.W.D. and Finance may see for remarks.

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TO U.S.

The letter from the Bd of Revenue in the C.F and the Pub (R.S) Dept noted from p 1 above may be perused.

'A' on p 1 above ~~For orders whether Govt Dept may suggest~~. The Bd. may perhaps be asked to consult the DG Te with reference to the suggestion of the Coll of Coimbatore that irrigation wells may be sunk in the Cotton. area straight away without undertaking ~~trials~~ trial borings at all. Pending issue of orders on the proposal of the Bd contained in para 3 on p 1 of C. it seems necessary in view of 'A' on p 3 of C. to request the Bd to instruct the DG Te to defer action on the ~~proposal~~ boring operations. For orders whether the ~~suggestion at 'B'~~ above Pub Dept may be suggested to take action accordingly.

Yes, I think that Bd should be urgently consulted first. For orders. L 24/6

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Through Board's Letter

Pub (RS) Dept

Please see Developments notes above. It is for consideration whether that dept's suggestions at A above will be accepted

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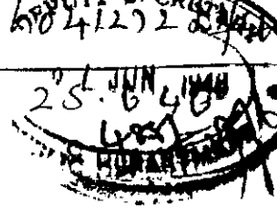

2/ Subject to orders a draft memo is Subd for approval.

3/ The cost of the scheme so far as present sanctions go is as follows:-

— Rough estimate Rs	= 1,31,300
— Excess over rough estimates for houses & sheds etc	Rs — +25,900
	1,57,200

The per capita cost works out to Rs 1,965 p over rough estimates and includes any excess likely to occur on dirgr wells. A provn of Rs 75,000 has been made for this item in the rough estimates and this alone works out Rs 933/- while H.P.M. has ordered that this should be restricted to Rs 300/- per head. In the circumstances it would appear that the scheme will have to be reexamined with ref to HPM's orders referred to.

4/ The file need not go to P.W & Finance but may do till 1-8-46 pending a decision on re-examination.

30/6/46

The draft may issue. Orders on the Board's proposal may wait

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(Issued Memo.No.4650/46-2, Public dated 3-7-46)
From the Board of Revenue No.Y.2568/45 dated 5-8-46.

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The orders referred to at A above have been issued vide Memo.No.4692/46-4, Public (RS) dated 5-8-46 on pp.9-10 c.f.

2. The Board's reference on p.11 c.f. and its enclosure may be read. If the enhanced rate of ~~expenditure of~~

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10% on the approach road is allowed the per capita cost will increase by Rs.3/-only. The excess is not considerable. The colony is to be a sericultural one and 80 colonists have already been secured. The proposals of the Board at B on p.1 c.f. and A on p.11 c.f. may be agreed to and the Board asked to see that the total per capita cost of the scheme is kept within the limit of Rs.1,900/-

3. As regards payment of Rs.50/- for water divining even though the view held by the Board and Government in the cases of Mr. Pinto (lately Industrial Engineer) was against official recognition of such powers the proposal may be agreed to as the amount involved is small.

4. The remarks of Finance may be invited.

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Public(Resettlement)
G.O 4650/46-3
18.8.46

(C) Finance(Accts-A).

In G.O. No.672 Pub(R.S) dated 19-3-46, the Govt. sanctioned an estimate for Rs 2250 for the formation of an approach road, along with some other items of expenditure specified in the order, in connection with the formation of an ex-servicemens sericultural colony in Doddamari-Devadaraya-Samudram village in Kollegal taluk, Coimbatore district.

ASST. SECRETARY 19 AUG 1946 FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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At the instance of the Collector of Coimbatore, the Board of Revenue has now requested the sanction of the Govt:--

(1) for an enhanced expenditure of 10% of the estimate of Rs 2250 for the formation of the approach road; and

(2) for payment of Rs 50 to Sri Selvamuthu Chettiar, a water diviner, for selecting a new site for sinking a drinking water well for the above colony.

Item (1) above - Approach Road. The enhanced rate of 10% on the approach road over Rs 2250 will have the effect of increasing the per capita cost by about Rs 3. The excess is not considerable and the Collector has already let the work on contract in anticipation of Govt. sanction. The proposal may be agreed to in this department, subject to the condition that the per capita cost of the scheme is kept within the limit of Rs 1,900.

Item (2) above - Water divining charges. The Collector of Coimbatore has explained the necessity for employing a a water diviner in this case - please see 'X' on p.13 C.F The Board has recommended an additional expenditure of Rs 50 on this account. The expenditure will be included in the estimate for the construction of a drinking water well in the colony. Public have however noted that the view held by the Board and the Govt. was against recognition of such divining powers. They may be requested to put up the relevant papers and state whether the acceptance of the proposal in the present case will be in contravention of any principle already laid down by the Govt. in such cases.

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X on p.4 above

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G.O. 24.8.46

(para 5 of G.O. cited)

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Public (R.S) Deptt.

The papers referred to in para 3 of the deptt. note on p. 4 ante are in G.O. No. 1106 Dev. dy. 9.8.35. The question discussed therein was the proposal of the Director of Industries to recognise the powers of Mr. Pinto — a Government Official — in water divining and to advertise the fact by fixing a scale of fees. The proposal was negatived. He was however allowed to do this work for private persons after getting the permission of Government. The point was raised in the light of his being a Govt official.

(A) in L.F. (C No. 5143 3/44)

para 1, p.15 of (A) in L.F

para 2, -do-

In connection with the Palayamcottai land colonisation scheme, at the instance of the then A.G. (Mr. E.M. Gawne) the Board of Rev. was requested to consider in consultation with the Dir. of Industries and Commerce the possibility of utilising the service of a water diviner to find water before undertaking trial borings. The Dir. of Industries & Commerce and the Board were however of the opinion that no water diviner was necessary. ~~It cannot therefore be said that there is no principle or rule laid down prohibiting the utilisation of the services of a water diviner.~~

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Vide Fin. No. of G.O. 2607 Pub 4.9.44

(J) in L.F

para 2, p.2 C.F of (J) in L.F

p.3 C.F + para 1, p.9 C.F of L.F

If Finance may see again.

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Public (RS) 4650/46-4 with 5.A.46 L.F 51433/44

Finance(accts-A).

(Previous note of Finance on pp.4-5 above).

With reference to the remarks made by this department at 'A' on p.5 above, please see the further notes of Public ~~thereon.~~

In view of Public department's note in para 2 on p.5 above, the need for the services of a water ~~diviner~~ diviner for selecting a new site for sinking a drinking water well for the colony does not seem necessary and the incurring of addl. expenditure of Rs 50 on that account may be obviated.

With the above remarks, the case may be returned to Public.

CAT 7.9.46 FS 7.9.46

Please see previous finance note on pp. 4-5 ante and the Public note on p. 5 ante

The proposals in this file are:

(1) To sanction an increase of 10% over the estimate of Rs 2250 sanctioned in G.O. 672 Pub (R.S) Dy 19.3.46 towards the formation of an approach road in connection with the formation of an Ex-Service Colony in Doddamani Devadanga Samudram village in Kolhgal Taluk. (C)

(2) To sanction an expenditure of Rs 50/- for selecting a new site for drinking-water-well for the above colony with the help of a Water-Diviner.

Item (1) above. The increase is small. The Collector has already let the work on contract in anticipation of the sanction. Pub. proposes to sanction it. This may agree

Item (2) above. Attention is invited to para B on p. 13 ante in the L.F. wherein the Govt. have said that no water diviner is necessary in each case. The GO has agreed with this - please see X on p. 9 ante in L.F. If any such charges for a Water Diviner is accepted in the present case it will become an inconvenient precedent. Public may be requested to negotiate this proposal

9.9.46

Addl Secy.

CAT 7.9.46

p.13 C.F.

As an unforeseen outlay of Rs. 1706 has already been made on one site selected we need not object to the small payment of Rs 50/-. It would be worth while to consider the possibility of another large wasteful (avoidable) expenditure is avoided [illegible]

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Publn (R.S) Deptt.

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Finance have not offered any remarks on the proposal of the Board of Revenue at B on p.1 C.F., viz. sanction to the employment of two maistries for a period of 3 months in lieu of the Junior Co-operative Inspector sanctioned in G.O. 672 Publn (R.S) dt. 19.3.46. They may be requested to say whether they have any objections to the proposal.

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The maistries are required for supervising the sinking of wells, construction of temporary sheds etc. Eighty temporary sheds have been ordered to be constructed for accommodating the families of ex-servicemen pending the construction of permanent buildings. It was proposed to move the families into the Colony and start the planting of mulberry in advance of the arrival of ex-servicemen (the temporary sheds are intended for them). The proposal may be sanctioned. Please put up draft for Finance's acceptance

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A draft memo is submitted for approval. It may be sent to Finance for acceptance.

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[Previous note of Finance on pp 6-7 above]

Please see the further note of Public on p 7 above. In the circumstances stated by A.S, Public on p 5 above, the proposal to appoint 2 maistries for 3 months in lieu of the post of Co-operative Junior Inspectors, may be agreed to in this deptt. (extra cost will be small) and the draft order may be accepted and the case returned to Public

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A.S. 27.9.46

27.9.46 Pub(RS)

A.S. says one scale of pay to the maistries may be specified in the draft

Subject to the above remark.

Dno Accts A 27/9/46

Public (R.S) Deptt.

Please see the notes from the bottom of p. 3 ante.

The proposals in the file are —

(1) To sanction an increase of 10% over the estimate of Rs. 2,250 sanctioned in G.O. 672 Pub(R.S) dy. 19-3-46 for an approach road in the ex-service men colony in D.M. Samudram village, Kollegal Taluk, Coimbatore Dt.

(2) To sanction the payment of a fee of Rs. 50/- to a water diviner for selecting a new site for a drinking water well in the colony and

(3) To sanction the employment of 2 maistries for 3 months in lieu of the Co-operative Junior Inspector sanctioned in the above G.O.

The draft orders proposals have been agreed to by Finance. With reference to A in the Finance note above, necessary amendment to para 3 of the draft order has been made in pencil. The draft order may issue.

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G.O. No. 2095 Public(R.S) dy. 3-10-46].

DEPUTY SECRETARY 6302 Fin.00-495/35(m-1) 28.9.46 PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

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Para 2, p. 11 c F

(C)

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Vide Finance note on pp. 4 & 6/7 ante

[From the Board of Revenue, Ref. No. Y. 2568-45-12 dy. 24-9-46.]

Please see the Board's reference and its enclosure on pp. 15-17 C.F.

2. The Board requests sanction for a sum of Rs. 66-8-0 toward the cost of demarcating the streets and house sites in the residential area of the colony. The expenditure is small and may be sanctioned. In G.O. No. 1682 Pub(R.S) dy. 30-7-46, expenditure on the cost of demarcation stones was ordered to be debited to "7. a. L.R. Survey, Settlement and Record Operations." under a new sub-head "P.W.R." The Board's presumption at A on p. 15 C.F. is therefore correct.

A draft Memo. is submitted for approval. It may be sent to Revenue & Finance for acceptance.

Pp. 14a-14g C.F of L.F (G.O. 3107/46)

Ss. to para 7 (a) on p. 14 C.F of L.F

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 55257 9 OCT 1946 REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY 6609 16 OCT 1946 FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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Fin no 55693 AA-1

Finance (Accts. A)

(Previous finance note on page 8 above)

Please see the reference from the Bd. of Rev in its enclosure at pp. 15-17 CF. and the Public dept. note above

The draft Memo. below may be accepted (Slight pencil amendments are indicated)

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Public (R.S)

Pub (R-S)

The draft may issue

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[Issued Memo No 4650/46-7 Pub(R.S) dt 21-10-46]

In the Progress Report for the quarter ending 31-10-46, the DRE has reported that 5 ex-service-men have been selected for admission to this colony. Perusal is in this connection requested of portion marked A in para 3 of Kollegal R.D.O's letter on p44 CF of G.O No 1938 Pub(R.Recon) dt 19-8-45 wherein it has been stated 104 families of ex-servicemen have applied for admission to this sericultural colony and were ready to move into it. It may also be mentioned that a special propaganda staff was sanctioned by Govt. Memo dt. pp25 26 to induce families of ex-servicemen to and take to sericulture as an occupation join the colony. It is for consideration whether the D.R.E may be requested to explain under the circumstances for the small number of persons selected. reconcile the two statements. Subject to orders a draft memo is subd for approval

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2-12-46

[Issued Memo No. 4650/46-P Pub(RS) dt 2-12-46] pp21-22 CF

From the D.R.E. No Rec Y/C. 256F/45-11 C2 dt 17-12-46 p23 CF

From the DRE No. Rec Y.C. 256F/45-11C2 dt 6-1-47 p24 CF

✗ Please see the letter from the DRE. on p25 CF. In the circumstances stated therein

Sanction may be accorded for the construction of causeways to the road to the colony at a cost of Rs. 400/- subject to the condition that the total cost per head of the scheme does not exceed Rs 1900 — Vide A on p 9 cf & B on p 14 (a) cf.

2. A draft memo is subd for approval. It may be sent to Finance for acceptance before issue

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Finance (Accts. A)

Pub (RS) No. 4650/46-9 12/3/47

(Previous finance note on p. 9 above)

The file has now been sent to this deptt with reference to the letter from the W.R.E. at page 25 cf. Please see note from X on page 10 above.

The draft Memo. vclas may be accepted

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May issue

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Pub (RS) 15.3.47

p 27 cf (Issued memo No. 4650/46-10, dated 19/3/47.)

ASSTT. SECRETARY TO GOVT. 1439 18 MAR '47 FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Issue 15426 17/3/47

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT. 18 MAR 1947 CHIEF SECRETARIAT

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Extract of Premier's minutes in file bearing C.No.4692, Public (Resettlement) Department regarding:-

P.W.R. - Land Colonisation schemes for ex-servicemen - Provision of irrigation facilities and houses in Revised Budget for 1946-47.

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It appears from the statement at flag 'W' that the cost of resettling 3,891 men works out to 68.59 lakhs of rupees or Rs.1763/- per capita. This apparently does not include either the entire cost of providing houses for all the settlers or the cost of providing irrigation facilities for all the lands. From what I had seen at Meyyur Gudapakkam in Chingleput District, expenditure on wells as well as houses is extravagant. I am afraid that, unless all the schemes are re-examined with a view to reduce expenditure to the lowest possible limits consistant with the provision of the minimum requirements for ex-servicemen, it would be impossible to settle any appreciable number of ex-service men on land without serious dislocation of our finances.

2 The cost of settling ex-servicemen on land including housing and provision of irrigation facilities, cattle and agricultural implements should not exceed Rs.1,900/- per head. This amount will be met as follows: (i) Central Government grant Rs.500/- (ii) Share capital to be collected from each settler Rs.500/- (iii) Provincial Government grant for reclamation Rs.200/- (iv) Provincial Government grant for well sinking or provision of irrigation facilities, wherever necessary Rs.300/- (v) Housing grant from the centre Rs.200/- and (vi) Grant from the Post-War Services Reconstruction Fund Rs.200/- Total Rs.1,900/-.

3 As regards the Provincial contribution for resettlement, it should be limited to the cost of the land and the cost of its reclamation, the latter being subject to a maximum of Rs.200/- per head and to the provision of irrigation facilities either by sinking wells or by constructing canals or drains at a cost not exceeding Rs.300/-, or whatever amount is allowed for the general public per head. Fifty per cent of the cost of providing irrigation facilities may be claimed from the Centre under the G.M.F. campaign. The net cost to the Province for resettling ex-servicemen on land will not then exceed Rs.350/- per head. This expenditure is likely to increase our food production by atleast three tons per head resettled.

4 Government of India should be asked to contribute half the cost of providing irrigation facilities under the G.M.F. campaign and Rs.200/- per head for housing under their housing scheme. In case they are unable to contribute this amount of Rs.350/- under the above heads, the amount may be found by a loan from the Province which will be advanced with interest at one-fourth per cent above our borrowing rate, the loan being recoverable in twenty equal annual instalments and the first instalment falling due within a year after the land is brought under cultivation.

5 The Budget provision already made must accordingly be revised and credit should be taken in the buget for recoveries from the Government of India and from the Post War Services Reconstruction Fund. Until the Government of India agree to make the necessary contribution, the amount of Rs.350/- for the provision of housing and irrigation facilities should be treated as a loan from the Province.

T.P.
22-6-46.